



**San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission**

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**DRAFT MINUTES
June 8, 2006**

Meeting Location: California Department of Fish and Game
4949 Viewridge Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT
Jack Bransford	1
Paul Kelpin	1
Florence Sloane, Vice-Chair	2
Ben Tulloch	2
Rob Wilder	3
Teresa Barth, Secretary	3
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D, Chair	4
Jim Dodd -	ABSENT 4
Mike Pottorff	5
Jim Conrad	5

DATE: June 8, 2006

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: California Department of Fish and Game
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AGENDA:

A. Meeting called to order at 6:36PM.

B. Introductions –

Nicholas Betchel, Dept of Fish & Game/Game Bird Heritage program
Megan Jennings, SDSU
Scott Tremor, Natural History Museum
Bruce Campbell, member of the public

C. Minutes for May 11, 2006 were amended

Changes: Correct Commissioner's listing – D'erdra Smothers is Chair (not vice-chair).

Motion made to: approve as amended

Motion made by: Conrad Seconded by: Tulloch Sloane - abstained

**D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda.
(No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.) None**

E. Chairman's Report –

Chair Smothers noted the dates for the public scoping meetings for the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Project – June 14 at Otay Water District Office and June 15 at Jamul Primary School. She also noted that the US Dept of the Interiors' bulletin is now available online at www.fws.gov/endangered/bulletin/list.html. She shared a recent article in the San Diego River Foundation's newsletter about the rainbow trout restocking efforts.

She expressed concern about receiving the agenda information less than 72 hours prior to the meeting and will discuss the matter with staff.

F. Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.

Old:

1. San Diego Freshwater Fish Project (Pottorff)

Commissioner Pottorff noted that Fish & Game and US Forest Service are not cooperating with the group's efforts. He has a meeting scheduled with Congressman Duncan Hunter.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes **XX** No ☐

2. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Sloane) FWAC/DFG/SDCWF Monthly Meeting 5/25/06

Sloane reported that the following were present at the meeting: Larry Eng, Terri Stewart, Tim Dillingham, Jack Bransford, Jim Conrad, Florence Sloane, and Nick Bechtel

Topics discussed included:

DFG sponsored pheasant hunts.

DFG presentations for the FWAC and SDCWF

Proposed development and uses of the RJER building complex.

List of accessible DFG managed lands in San Diego County.

WHIP program at HCWA.

State wide dove banding project.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes **XX** No ☐

3. Handling of fines/forfeiture monies for Fish and Game Violations (Sloan)
Commissioner Conrad provided information to Commissioner Sloan concerning his research into other county's policies, including audit-ability trail and bail schedules. Sloan to follow-up. Commissioner Bransford recommended establishing a timeline for completion of this issue.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes **XX** No ☐

4. Presentations by Government Agencies (Bransford)
Presentations by US Fish & Wildlife and Calif. Dept Fish & Game scheduled for August 10 meeting. Forest Service presentation date is pending.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes **XX** No ☐

5. Reintroduction of Antelope to San Diego County of San Diego (Conrad/Pottorff)
Conrad asked Scott Tremor to comment on the matter. Tremor noted that there had been a previous study that did not support the success of such a project in the studied areas. He will forward report to Conrad. Pottorff noted that there was potential interest in reintroduction on private land.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes **XX** No ☐

6. Biannual Report to the Board of Supervisors (Smothers)
Conrad noted that there was no mention of previous request to include the request to expand meeting opportunities.

Motion made to: Amend the Bi-Annual Report as follows:

Introduction (1st paragraph 2nd sentence)

Additionally the Commission has the responsibility to disburse funds obtained through State Fish and Game fines and forfeitures that have been returned to the County pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code.

Concerns – add to end

The Commission purposes to establish its own meeting schedule and number of meetings with the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Motion made by: Tulloch Seconded by: Conrad

Call for Vote: Approved. Smothers to review final draft and sign off before being sent to Board of Supervisors.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes **XX** No ☐

7. San Diego County Fair (Smothers)

Smothers reported that there would be no cost to FWAC, other printing costs of additional brochures, for distribution at the Fair. Staff will follow up.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No **XX**

New:

1. Grant Applications

Grant #	Project Name	Description	Funds Requested	Organization	Contact
2006/07-01	Game Bird Heritage Trailer	Purchase of 10 X 6 foot trailer to carry birds from breeder to event.	\$2,000	California Department of Fish and Game	Nick Betchel
2006/07-02	Effects of Wildfire on Bobcats in San Diego County	Project to compare bobcats in burned and unburned habitats .	\$9,500	San Diego State University	Megan Jennings
2006/07-03	San Diego County Mammal Atlas	Develop data about mammal populations and distributions within the county.	\$15,000	San Diego Natural History Museum	Scott Tremor
Total			\$26,500.00		

2. Grant Presentations

2006/07-01 Nicholas Betchel Representing: Department of Fish and Game. Betchel noted he was the new hunt coordinator. He also noted that the trailer would be a multi-use trailer and not limited to this one event.

2006/07-01 Megan Jennings Representing: San Diego State University. Seeking financial assistance for supplies and equipment associated with her graduate study project.

2006/07-01 Scott Tremor Representing: Natural History Museum. Seeking funding for printing costs for San Diego County Mammal Atlas which will be a companion field guide to the San Diego County Bird Atlas which was partially funded by FWAC.

3. Commission Video Project – Distribution (Pottorff/Conrad)

Consensus that distribution would be to the Board of Supervisors, Commissioners and general public via the County Library System. Barth to contact library concerning distribution

Retain this item for next agenda Yes **XX** No ☐

4. Letter from Monterey Fish and Game Advisory Commission (Conrad)

Information covered in Old Business #3 – Handling of fines/forfeiture monies

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No **XX**

5. Ethics Training (Bransford)
Sloan and Barth to attend June 12 course.

Motion made to: Approve commissioner's request for reimbursement for eligible fees and travel/mileage costs.

Motion made by: Sloan Seconded by: Conrad

Call for Vote: Approved

Retain this item for next agenda Yes XX No ☐

6. Plaque for Dr. David Jessop (Pottorff)
Pottorff requested authorization to purchase and present a plaque to former Commissioner Jessop for his work with the commission in the 1920-1930's.

Motion made to: Approve purchase of a plaque with costs not to exceed \$100.

Motion made by: Bransford Seconded by: Pottorff

Call for Vote: Approved

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No XX

G. Commissioner's Corner

Florence Sloane - None

D'erdra Smothers – None

Jack Bransford – Encouraged commissioners to attend Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Scoping meetings

Paul Kelpin – Will speak to Supervisor Cox concerning previous requests for mileage compensation

Ben Tulloch – No report

Rob Wilder – No report

Teresa Barth – No report

Mike Pottorff – No Report

Jim Conrad – At recent Al Tascher meeting there was a presentation about the Santa Rosa Plateau. Dept. of Fish and Game is scheduled to take over management soon. However, the issue of hunting has not yet been resolved.

Jim Dodd – Absent

H. Adjournment Time: 8:50 pm.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: As noted in each item.